

NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

FRANCE has declined England's overtures to mediate in the Franco-Chinese difficulty.

MECHANICS are said to be poisoning cows by whom milk is sold, by feeding them turnips impregnated with strychnine.

THE Whittier anniversary was celebrated at Providence, R. I., on the 24th. It was largely attended. A portrait of the poet was presented.

COLONEL MAPLESON'S contract with the Drury Lane (London) season limits her fee to £300 nightly. Nilsson's fee is limited to £300 nightly.

At the sale of Government property at Harper's Ferry, Va., on the 23d, the Potomac water-power sold for \$25,000, and the Shenandoah water-power for \$30,000.

THE Masonic Grand Lodge of Ohio adopted a resolution that, selling intoxicants, and the sale of liquor, should disqualify the offender for membership of a lodge.

EARL GRANVILLE has obtained the release of the German and French governments to the proposal to limit the work of the Congo Conference to the settlement of the Congo question.

THERE has been scarcely any rain around Washington for three months. At Atlanta, Ga., they have had no rain for two months. Drought has been general in the South Atlantic States.

THE riveters in the Clyde ship-yards struck on the 24th against the piece-work system. Their places were filled with non-union men, but the strikers attacked the latter and drove them away.

THE 24th inst. was the centennial anniversary of the birth of the celebrated abolitionist, Sir Moses Montefiore, and his death anniversary. In his honor were being held in all parts of the civilized world.

DURING the progress of a political demonstration in Fort Wayne, Ind., on the 23d, a "Belva Band" club, composed of 150 drummers wearing the Lockwood colors, paraded the streets, creating considerable amusement.

THE special Postal Convention between this country and Mexico, the execution of which has been pending for some time past, was concluded on the 20th, by Postmaster-General Hatton and M. Romero, the Mexican Minister.

GOVERNOR CLEVELAND was assaulted on the 26th by Samuel Boone, of Chemung County, N. Y., because he refused to pardon Boone's wife's brother. The Governor was wounded on the head and passed on, and the crank was arrested.

THE Chief of the Bureau of Statistics reports that the value of exports of breadstuffs during the month of September aggregated \$45,494,194. The value of exports of breadstuffs during the past nine months amounted to \$130,490,594.

THE cholera epidemic in Italy is abating. During twenty-four hours ended the 21st only ninety-six fresh cases and thirty-five deaths were reported, which is a marked decrease as compared with the records of the previous week.

THE Marine Hospital Bureau is informed that the paper manufacturers are now shipping waste paper from England. There is no opposition or objection to the landing on American shores of waste paper from non-infected ports.

PRESIDENT ROBERT GARRETT, on the part of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, has offered to transport the collective State exhibits of Maryland and West Virginia to the World's Industrial Exposition at New Orleans free of charge.

COMMODORE WINFIELD SCOTCHDOPE of the Greely party has been elected to the position of Secretary of the Navy. He relates interesting details concerning the discovery of the explorers and their wretched condition when rescued.

A NEW Hebrew orphan asylum on the banks of the Hudson River, between One Hundred and Thirty-third and One Hundred and thirty-fifth streets, New York, was dedicated on the 23d. It cost \$200,000, and will accommodate 500 inmates.

THE canoe Neptune, twenty feet long, which started from Norway some time ago for New York and recently put into Falmouth, Eng., arrived at Falmouth on the 23d, and was preparing to start for America. Captain Johnson composes the whole crew.

THE Light-house Board report the recent electric light experiments at Hell Gate to have been perfectly satisfactory. They, however, believe that two additional lights will be necessary to render navigation as safe by night as by day.

THE Government of Hong Kong and the British Consuls at Chinese ports have been ordered to telegraph all evidence in their possession regarding the reported cases of French men-of-war searching British ships. Premier Ferry denies the truth of the reports.

THE Providence Base Ball Club, champions of the League, defeated the Metropolitan, champions of the American Association, best two in three, and have now only to defeat the St. Louis Union in a similar series to claim the championship of the United States.

THE National Wrought Iron Pipe pool, which was formed at Pittsburgh, Pa., last December, has dissolved because of the disagreement over divisions of profits. The Enterprise Iron Works of New York, owned by the pool, was ordered to be sold and the proceeds divided among the members.

SUTTS against sixteen Southern railroad companies, involving bond issues for \$7,000,000, were called to argue before the United States Supreme Court on the 23d. The array of counsel embraced leading lawyers from all parts of the country. Governor Hoadley opened for the bondholder.

MARY BLACKBURN MORRIS, a lady well known in Chicago for her sympathy with the Confederate cause during the war, and who spent a fortune in support of her convictions, died at the Blackburn Sanitarium at Louisville, Ky., on the 18th inst., at the age of sixty-eight. She was a lady highly esteemed for her many noble qualities.

THE session of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union in St. Louis, on the 24th, Miss Francis E. Willard was elected President. Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Mary A. Wood; Assistant Recording Secretary, M. N. Stevens; Treasurer, Mrs. Hugh.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

SECRETARY GRISHAM returned to Washington from New York on the 21st.

THE Erie Railway met the cut rates of the West Shore Line to the West. The Lake Shore line has also gone into the fight.

DURING twenty-four hours ended the 23d twenty-three fresh cases of cholera were reported at Naples, and only four deaths.

THE drought in Virginia has ended. Copious rains were also reported in Georgia and other parts of the South on the 23d.

JACQUES AUGUSTE ADOUF RIGNIER, the distinguished French philologist, died on the 23d.

THE Democrats made almost a clean sweep in the election for members of the City Council of Baltimore, Md., on the 23d.

CLUKE, one of the horses in a heat race at Washington, D. C., on the 23d, fell dead on the track.

SARAH BERNHARDT has gone to the sea-side on the advice of her physicians, who say she needs rest and change of air.

BOORE, the crank who attacked Governor Cleveland at Albany, N. Y., was declared sane by physicians, but they said he was laboring under great nervous excitement. He was discharged.

CASPER's stable of trotters arrived at Louisville, Ky., on the 23d, where they will winter. Maud S. is also at Lexington, and will trot against her record on the 30th.

THE Knights of Pythias had a competitive race at the Fair Grounds of St. Louis, Mo., on the 23d. The Kokomo (Ind.) Commandery secured first prize.

EDWARD O. FITZGERALD, Jr., of Richmond, Va., was accidentally and probably fatally shot on the 23d while packing his trunk for a bride's trousseau.

THE London Times asserts that the change in the Secretaryship of Ireland was made to please the Parnellites.

THE Secretary of the Treasury on the 23d received from the Secretary of the special committee appointed to consider the general classification under the new tariff.

FRANK RIGNEY, a liquor dealer of Winnipeg, Man., has disappeared, and is accused of forgery to the amount of \$150,000. He is probably now a citizen of Mexico or Canada.

IX Queen Victoria's message to Parliament on the 23d, her Majesty expressed the hope that the franchise bill might soon be passed.

GARLAND HAZEN, chief Signal officer, has made his annual report. He says the service is greatly crippled for the want of money. He regards the Greely expedition as foremost among its kind.

THE St. Louis and North-Western Company's buildings in St. Louis, Mo., were damaged by fire on the night of the 23d, to the extent of about \$50,000. The insurance amounted to \$50,750.

THE French Government decided to send reinforcements to the Congo. The committee on credit favors liberal appropriations in order to bring the trouble to a speedy termination.

THE Minneapolis (Minn.) mills turned out for the week ended the 18th 146,000 bushels of flour. Prices held up well considering the weakness of the wheat market. The receipts of wheat at that point for the same week were 1,193,000 bushels.

THE Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad Company on the 23d it would cease carrying cars of the latter at once. The matter has been taken to the courts.

HIGH PRIEST FARLEIGH, at the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Kentucky, at Louisville, on the 23d, discussed the papal letter against the order. He declared that the charges of Pope Leo against Masonry were false.

THE Freeman's Journal, Dublin, speaks of the Secretary of Ireland as "a courteous nonentity, ignorant of Ireland."

SNOW fell at Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 23d. VENEZUELA had another earthquake in the early part of the month.

RECEIPTS of the fund being subscribed for the sufferers by the fire at Carthage, N. Y., among whom much distress and destitution exists.

GERMAN mediation between France and China is among the latest European rumors.

WILLIAM B. WASHBURN, was elected President of the American Missionary Association at Boston, Mass., on the 23d.

ADMIRAL MOTT is reported to be negotiating with the Hova chiefs in Madagascar.

SENATOR PLATT addressed 25,000 people at the dedication of the soldiers' monument at Waterbury, Conn., on the 23d.

PARTICULARS of the alleged defeat of the French at the battle of Omdurman.

RAIN has quenched the forest fires in southern New Jersey after the destruction of timber worth \$250,000.

GERMANY has opened negotiations with Spain in regard to West African affairs.

Wm. H. HENRY was being indicted by the United States Grand Jury at Boston for frauds in supplying the Navy Department with stationery.

THE establishment of public gaming houses is being seriously considered in France.

H. D. COOKE & Co., bankers, Washington, D. C., suspended on the 23d. The cause is attributed to outside speculation. Liabilities, \$131,000.

BISMARCK and the Emperor William have recently been holding a series of conferences all by themselves.

MR. GLADSTONE has given notice that he will ask in the Commons that priority be granted for the franchise bill.

Snow fell in various parts of Ontario on the 23d. In one place it was six inches deep.

THE Baltimore & Ohio line is waging a fierce war on the Pennsylvania Road. The former has made a deep cut in through fares, and the latter is much lower than those of rival lines.

THE British officers in the Egyptian army will nearly all resign when the reduction of the force takes place.

THE French Minister of War asks authority to form some new battalions under the law for reorganization of the colonial army.

GLADSTONE has written a long letter to the St. Osaip Diocesan Conference on the subject of the "Disestablishment of the Church of England."

THE King of Portugal gave an audience on the 23d to Richmond, the newly appointed American Minister, who presented his credentials.

THE manufacture of electric headlights for locomotives has begun at Akron, O.

CAPTAIN WILKES BALLARD, of Atlanta, Ga., while dining on the 23d, placed his hand upon his forehead and exclaiming, "Such a pain!" died. He was well known to railroad men as the originator of "Ballard's Express."

A HEN, killing frost fell at Memphis, Tenn., on the morning of the 24th.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

THE body of the late John D. Bell, as assistant cashier of the St. Louis Mercantile Exchange, was found in the river near the point where his gun was found.

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SCHLEY'S REPORT.

Report of Commander Schley to the Navy Department Relative to the Finding of the Greely Party—Former Published Account of the Expedition.

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 23.

Commodore Schley of the Greely expedition has submitted his report to the Secretary of the Navy.

In detail a description of the progress of the expedition through the heavy ice, he describes Lieutenant Greely's permanent camp as being located nearly midway between Crooked Hut Island and Cape Sabine.

He says it was situated about seventy-five feet back from the beach, on a slight elevation above the water and protected by high mountains to the southward.

Commodore Schley then described a large and substantially as heretofore published. The impressive scene inside and out of the arrival.

In his concluding dispatch the Commodore says:

I hope never again in my life to look upon such wrecks of the human race. The picture was more startling and more deeply pathetic than I had ever dreamed could be possible in a being of the kind for a moment almost annihilated, and then realized that the expedition had demonstrated any one thing more than the fact of its own survival.

It was a relief to me to see that the bodies of the men were not so far from the shore as I had feared. Eyes that were not wept for years were moistened in the solemnity of that precious hour in the lives of that heroic little band of sufferers, until this moment as I hope to be able to tell.

Continuing, Commodore Schley says: The survivors were taken on board the ship, and the bodies of the men were not so far from the shore as I had feared.

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